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Attorney Docket No. 09459.0002

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Toshihisa NOZAWA et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 3652  
Application No.: 10,786,068 )  
) Examiner: Gina M. Lupino  
Filed: February 26, 2004 )  
) Confirmation No.: 7239  
For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE )  
PROCESSING METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This communication responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 29, 2007. Applicants have corrected claims 1 and 7 to conform to the requirements of the Office communication. Applicants submit herewith only the corrected claim set. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the remaining sections of the Response filed on November 3, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.